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Let $M(H)$ be the set of graphs F such that H is a subgraph of the join of (i) the disjoint union of F and a stable set with (ii) a $\chi(H)-2$ partite graph.

Theorem: $\forall H, \exists B$ s.t. almost every H -free graph G contains a set Z of at most B vertices s.t. $G-Z$ can be partitioned into $\chi(H)-1$ parts each of which contains no subgraph in $M(H)$.

Balogh, Bollobas, & Simonovits 2009.

An Example

Let H be obtained from a $K_{2s,2s}$ by adding a matching of size s on one side.

$M(H)$ consists of those graphs with no matching of size s .

A graph which is $M(H)$ -free has a cover of size at most $2s-2$ and only $s-1$ vertices of degree $\geq 2s$.

There are at most $\binom{k}{2s-2} 2^{2s-2} \binom{k}{2s}^s 2^{(s-1)(k)}$
 $= 2^{(s-1)k + o(k)}$ such graphs on k vertices.

Consider graphs G with $2k$ vertices consisting of a stable set S of λ vertices, s.t. $G-S$ has a bipartition (U,W) and at most $s-1$ edges from each vertex of $V-S$ to S . Such graphs are H -free. An appropriate choice of s and λ , show we cannot make B zero in the previous theorem. **Balogh, Bollobas, Simonovits 2013**

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(a) For any partition of $V(H)$ into $\{S_1, \dots, S_{\chi(G)-1}\}$ there is some i s.t. $H[S_i]$ is not a subgraph of $G[X_i]$, and

(b) for all i , $|X_i| = (1+o(1)) \frac{n}{w_p n(H)}$

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Proof: For all $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an n_0 s. t. for $n > n_0$, every G in $Forb_H^n$ can be made $c-1$ chromatic by deleting at most εn^2 edges.

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